



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

Enforcement Division

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June 7, 2018

MORGAN CROWSON
4289 ROCKY ACRES TRAIL
LAS CRUCES NM 88007

Subject: Morgan Crowson (Respondent); Case Number: MID20180010688

Dear Ms. Crowson:

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department) has concluded its investigation of the above-referenced case number. The Department has received two complaints surrounding the same facts and circumstances of alleged violations. Therefore, the Department is closing the case referenced above as a duplicate case but will pursue, after investigation, allegations of unlicensed activity under case number MID20180011302. Any questions regarding this case should be addressed to Jasmine Sprehe, Legal Assistant, Enforcement Division at (512) 539-5695 or e-mail Jasmine.Sprehe@tdlr.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Va. Fields", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Virginia Fields
Prosecutor
Enforcement Division

cc: Complainant

Robert Nino, Department Investigator

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COMPLAINT FORM

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A. You, as the complaining party: *(If you wish to file your complaint anonymously to ensure your identity is not revealed, you must leave this section blank. If you file your complaint anonymously you will not receive case status updates.)*

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: DNA

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: DNA

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Contact from the Department will be via e-mail if you provide an e-mail address

B. Would you be willing to testify if this case goes to a hearing? Yes ☐ No ☐ *unsure at this time*

C. The person, firm, building or facility you are complaining about (Respondent):

Name: MORGAN E. CROWSON

Company or Facility Name: unknown

Physical Address: unknown

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different than above):

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip: [REDACTED]

Telephone numbers:

Office -

Fax-

E-mail:

License or Registration Number: unlicensed

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D. Explanation: Describe your complaint in detail. Include dates, names, locations, type of service provided by respondent and events leading to you filing this complaint. If the space provided below is not adequate, you may attach additional pages. Please include with your complaint, any documentation regarding your complaint.

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PRINTED COMPLAINT STATEMENT ATTACHED.

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Signature of [REDACTED] complaining party

05/04/18
Date

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Dates: Around July 2017 – present

Parties involved: Morgan E. Crowson, unlicensed midwife

[REDACTED] my brother

[REDACTED] my sister-in-law

Family friend present at birth to take photos (would like identity disclosed at this time)

A lady from out of town, supposedly from Chicago, assisting the birth (identity unknown)

A teenage girl (14-15 yrs. old) who is part of Morgan's homeschool network; she was there to watch because she may want to become a midwife (identity unknown)

Location of events: El Paso, TX and New Mexico

Summary: This complaint is against Morgan E. Crowson, an unlicensed midwife in the state of Texas and New Mexico, who provided negligent care to my brother and sister-in-law throughout their pregnancy and during the birth of their child. My brother and sister-in-law became pregnant in 2017 and sought care from Crowson, who claimed my sister-in-law was pregnant with twins. Crowson gave my sister-in-law prenatal care throughout her entire pregnancy and delivered one baby at my brother and sister-in-law's place of residence, [REDACTED] on April 27, 2018.

Events leading up to the birth: The events of the birth were described to me by our family friend who was present at the birth to take photos, and by the events my mother and brother have described to me. In November 2017, which was around the 20-week anatomy visit, Crowson performed the first ultrasound and alleged that my sister-in-law was pregnant with twin girls. She also diagnosed them as identical twin girls (video of twin and gender reveal available). Crowson performed 3 more ultrasounds throughout the pregnancy, all without a certification, and claimed there were twins each time. When speaking about their prenatal visits, my brother and sister-in-law always referred to Crowson as "the midwife." When I looked up Crowson's Facebook page, I was able to see that she publicly lists herself as a "Midwife, mother, wife, farmer, missionary, and follower of Christ," and she indicates she has a midwifery business as of August 25, 2017. My sister-in-law had prenatal visits at their place of residence (address above) and at the midwife's place of residence in New Mexico (address unknown). My brother mentioned that Crowson was charging them a total of \$1,000 for prenatal visits and for the birth of the twin girls. On Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:12 pm MST my sister-in-law went into early labor, per a text message she sent. At around 3:00 am MST, on [REDACTED] my sister-in-law gave birth [REDACTED] to one baby girl. Per my phone call with the family friend who was present: Soon after the birth of the first baby, Crowson quickly laid my sister-in-law down and searched for the fetal heart tones of the second baby. She kept searching and when she detected my sister-in-law's heartbeat, she called out, "The heartbeat is 90!" She then quickly grabbed her ultrasound machine and performed yet another ultrasound where she claimed to see "something," which was

later revealed to have been the placenta. She then pushed on my sister-in-law's stomach in an attempt to push the second baby out. After this, Crowson called out to our family friend, "Call 911!" Our family friend did so and she said that as she was on the phone with 911, Crowson ordered the lady from out of town and the teenage girl to change themselves from scrubs into their civilian clothes, as Crowson did so, as well. The family friend who was on the phone with 911 stated there was a midwife present. Before paramedics took my sister-in-law, Crowson said to my sister-in-law, "Tell them this was an unassisted birth." The paramedics then took my sister-in-law, my brother, and the baby to University Medical Center, 4815 Alameda Ave, El Paso, TX 79905, via ambulance. Crowson stayed behind and cleaned everything up quickly while our family friend watched the 2 other children my brother and sister-in-law have. Crowson then began to worry that my brother and sister-in-law were going to be mad at her and was telling the lady from out of town to go to the hospital. This lady responded that she guessed she could GPS the way, since she is not from El Paso. However, this lady from out of town did not end up going to the hospital. Crowson insisted that our family friend call my brother after some time. Once our family friend called, my brother informed her that they were rushed to the OR and were about to get an emergency c-section when the staff performed an ultrasound and determined there was not another baby present. My sister-in-law then delivered the placenta at the hospital. Our family friend picked up my brother after some time from the hospital while Crowson, the lady from out of town, and the teenage girl stayed with the 2 other children. Once my brother arrived, Crowson and the 2 other ladies left. Crowson did not go to the hospital for the duration of my sister-in-law's stay. Crowson followed up with my brother and sister-in-law once they were discharged. Per a phone call with my brother on Sunday, April 29, Crowson was going for a follow-up visit that day to their place of residence (address above). I believe my sister-in-law and the baby were discharged Saturday, April 28. Crowson is still providing postpartum care to my sister-in-law. My main concern is that Crowson was acting illegally, against the state of Texas' laws, as a licensed midwife and is claiming the birth was unassisted. She breached her duty of care, and I am worried about any other clients she may have now or in the future.

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Screen shot
taken 04/28/18

Morgan E. Crowson

1 mutual friend:

Midwife, mother, wife, farmer, missionary and
follower of Christ.


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FAX COVER SHEET

TO	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Enforcement Division
COMPANY	
FAX NUMBER	15125395698
FROM	Lynn Arnold
DATE	2018-05-09 05:06:47 GMT
RE	Complaint Form for Midwifery Licensing

COVER MESSAGE

Please see attached complaint form for M. Crowson who is practicing midwifery without a license.

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Name: Anne Lara Kuntz

Address: 6069 Los Riebos Drive

City: El Paso

State: Texas

Zip: 79912

Work Phone: 915-581-3336 Home Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Contact from the Department will be via e-mail if you provide an e-mail address

B. Would you be willing to testify if this case goes to a hearing? Yes ☒ No ☐

C. The person, firm, building or facility you are complaining about (Respondent):

Name: Morgan E. Crawson

Company or Facility Name:

Physical Address: 4289 Rocky Acres Trail

City: Las Cruces

State: NM

Zip: 88007

Mailing Address (if different than above):

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone numbers:

Office - 915-491-0487

Fax-

E-mail:

License or Registration Number: None

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A family member of [REDACTED] contacted me 5/2/18 to discuss concerns regarding her sister-in-law's birth experience. She described that Morgan Crowson provided prenatal care to [REDACTED] in Morgan's home and in [REDACTED] home. She performed ultrasounds with a portable ultrasound machine without any training or certification. She told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was expecting twins. She offered to attend the birth as their midwife for \$1000.00. Morgan has not completed midwifery training. She presents herself as a midwife with a business name, starting practice August 25, 2017 according to her facebook page. According to the TDLR page, Morgan does not have a license to practice midwifery. She lives in New Mexico, and according to NM license midwifery board, she does not have a license to practice midwifery in New Mexico. On April 27, 2018, Morgan attended the birth at [REDACTED] home: [REDACTED]. Morgan arrived in scrubs with two assistants, one of which was only 14 years old, it isn't clear if the other assistant was a midwife, doula or any birth professional with any training. Morgan did not bring oxygen or other appropriate equipment. After the baby was born, she found "fetal heart tones" of about 90 on the second baby. She then instructed the family to call 911. Morgan told the family

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to tell the hospital it was their idea to birth at home and their idea to transfer to the hospital. Morgan changed out of her scrubs and prepared to leave the home. [REDACTED] was transferred to University Medical Center in El Paso, Texas via ambulance. Upon arrival, an ultrasound was performed. No second baby was found, just the placenta was in the uterus. Morgan had used her portable ultrasound after the birth to "find the twin" and said that she saw the twin on ultrasound. [REDACTED] delivered the placenta at the hospital. She was then left with a \$700.00 hospital birth and no birth certificate for the baby, as Morgan is not licensed, she cannot file the birth certificate. Morgan is presenting herself as a midwife in our community without proper training or licensing. She put this woman and her baby in danger. She put them through such a scary ordeal that never would have happened with a properly trained and licensed midwife. As a midwife in the community that is licensed, I am very concerned about Morgan's dishonesty and negligent practice. It is also my understanding that Morgan plans on moving and continuing to practice midwifery without a license.

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Signature of the complaining party

5/6/18

Date

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